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### THE FEE-SYSTEM: FEES OF SHERIFFS.

The fee-system as it stands on the statute books of Virginia to-day has themselves to condemn it eternally have sinecures paying about three times the worth of the services per-

just that the former should receive

ficers are worth, to decrease the county levy very materially, to extend and improve the county roads or to lengthen the school term from one to three months.

We note the opinion of a very well-

stitution in the world.

### ART TREASURES FOR AMERICA.

vailed, and there is no longer an imeation of the mania that the Republican party has consistently shown for of a poet who made money by his muse levying protective taxes, even where is Tennyson, who, with no income there is no chance of creating the in- worth mentioning at the time of his

Young Ladies' Musical Acad- magazine once paid him \$1,000 for a

paintings it once possessed. Of Engglad to hold public office, when they Eycks, a Velasquez, a Tiepolo, two fee-system is its absolute inequality ber, including all the most important, that the sheriffs of Bland and often without any effort and of Norfolk county-we made to keep them in the country and six times the pay of the latter? Yet it is to be outbid by a millionaire, it some sections the sheriffs are for a reasonable sum. But, apart from ping out and throwing champaign dry tures have left us for the United States

continue to lose to America, unless that country adopts the regulation of so many other countries by which the exportation of works of art is absorbed. ace any man that the sheriff is it is limited in quantity, that it is rare

successful and most deeply loved in- much money, or glory either, while he was alive. Shelley and Byron knew what it was to be harried by debts and pursued by collectors. Poe often had The lovers of art have at last pre- a desperate scuffle to make a living, and his young wife died in distressing port tariff on works of art. This ac- want. Swinburne and Browning were complishment is the result of years of prosperous poets, but their prosperity agitation by the American Free Art did not come from their poetry. Swin League. That it should have been burne's inheritance of some \$250,000 necessary at all is a remarkable indiof his death. The one notable instance

The Times (1212) Dispaich of \$1,000,000 a square foot would never \$285,000. Tennyson enjoyed that unproduce in America an artist who could usual blessing for a great poet, wide said, for example, that 60,000 copies of "Enoch Arden" were sold within a few years of its publication. McClure's

> But, regarding the rule rather than a had thing for a poet. The lean singer garret seems quite in line with the For simple tastes, the Gel-the-Goods, Or Hotel All-Around; rejoicing over the new attitude of this safe to say that a rich and fat poet live. Keats, weighing fitteen at his and with an income of £10,000 at his disposal, would have remained a fledgeling verse-maker to the end, at Home-as-Herotofore, At Home-as-Herotofore, —Indianapolis News. yacht and a fleet of big red automo-

The Washington Herald, after study-ing the debates in Congress, is puzzled to know what the "Dutch stand-ord" is. We should imprime that the place of the condition of the condi little Princess of Orange was about it.

However, General Uriu will have to However, General Uriu will have to double harness and hyphenate his nomenclature if he ever expects to get in the class with out old friend Uribe-Uribe.

Haseball is such a good game that there are actually umpires who like the class with a good game that there are actually umpires who like the class with a good game that there are actually umpires who like the class with a good game that there are actually umpires who like the class with a good game that there are actually umpires who like the class with a good game that the class with out old friend units and the class with out old friend

there are actually umpires who like

"Champaign, Ill., has gone dry," notes a Southern contemporary. It happened many long moons ago. The fact is that whenever copy is running rather light members of the Paragraphers' Union have a way of slipping out and throwing champaign dry and throwing champaign.

There is nothing like taking time by the forelock. If the Supreme Court is going to invalidate an income tax law in the end, now is the time for Mr. Justice Euller to come formed to things.—Baltimore American. justice Fuller to come forward with a few well-chosen remarks.

Of course it must always be remem

erably placed on the free list. How-ever, the high market price will deter hungry consumers from trying to learn

"doesn't seem to be much more popular than most collectors who do what they Still, if William. should. Still, it william, Jr., were to resign the collectorship and become a weatherman or a dentist he might be less of a popular idol than ever.

Spain has just put in a parcels post system. The United States has more parcels than Spain, but it also has more express companies and Thomas C. Platts.

If every "ultimate consumer"—the group whose existence is denied by Senator Lodge—were to be carried off by a pestlience to-morrow, the State of Massachusetts would be in receivers' hands the day after.

If every "ultimate consumers, the state of the sporting is that a great dead depends of the interest of a feet at the mothers, 12 is a immentable fact that the methods are not only the consumers of the consumer

### Children Need food that gives Strength.

# **POSTUM**

Builds strength in body and mind. "There's a Reason"

## Borrowed lingles.

MAKING A CHOICE.

There's Fogginess-upon-the-Lake, And Hollow-in-the-Glen; Hotels: The Gouge, the Graft, the Fake, The Cabin and the Den.

Likewise there's Bluff-upen-the-Hills, And Fishsmell-by-the-Sea; The Falloff House, with mountain thrills, And Level-on-the-Lea.

And there's the Wigwam-in-the-Woods;

The prices range from up to down,

MERELY JOKING.

Ittle Princess of Orange was about it.

Rats cat up annually about \$100,000,000 of values which they do not
carn. Rats are pretty nearly as wasteful as a high-protected trust.

If these government sharps who are

If those government sharps who are trying to find out what whiskey is really want a definite and clean-cut opinion, they have made a mistake in not going straight to the prohibitionists.

Where Cournge Failed,

"With one wave of my wand," says the faily, "I can make you grow young again."

"Excuss me," replied the woman, "If I deline your kind offer. If you can bring youth to me at my present age, all right; but to do, but don't forget to maul the life out of the little housefly from time to time.

Bent Too Far. He: "I was on pleasure bent."
She: "And then..."
He: "And then, before I knew it, I was broke."—Yale Record.

At the Ball Game

### PERTINENT POINTS.

"Go to bed," according to Mr. Bryan's paper, is better English than "retire," Mr. Bryan deesn't have much use for the word "retire."—Toledo Blade.

Harvard made \$62,600 profit out of football

The song died on her lips, It had been cruelly murdered,-Chicago Record-Herald.

Conservation, we regret to note, has a tendency to get too much confounded with conversation.—Washington Times.

### Democracy's Roll Cull Revents Unclosed Gups in the Ranks.

Gnps in the Rnaks.
With apparently no one but the Hon.
Joseph Weldon Balley to represent the
principles, the economic policies, and
the honor of the Democratic party, one
becomes conscious of the recent awful
mortality among the great Democrats.
Grover Cleveland is dead. That is
very apparent. Controlling votes have
been cast by Democrats at the present session of Congress against about
every principle and policy that Cleveland stood for.
Those two great Southern Democrats

And now that scorching breezes Blow o'er Manhattan's isle,

R. L. P.

Where every prospect pleases
And only man is vile.
You seem of the opinion

we want you to know by trial, Then

CASCARHTS 100 a oox for a week's treatment, all druggists. Biggest seller in the world. Million boxes a month.

# The Courts of Europe

By La Marquise de Fontenoy.

Titles of French Republic.

The Duc de Sabran Ponteves as his cousin, Count Jean de Sabran Ponteves, have addressed a letter to the principal French papers, repudiating any connection with the lady, who, with her daughter, has obtained currency in certain circles of Parislan society under the name of the "Countess and Mile, de Maurel Ponteves," They deny the right of these leves." They deny the right of these addes to the name of their family, and neidentally call attention to the fact that the present Duke of Sabran, on succeeding to his father's honors three or four years ago, took the trouble

All Hall.

If the question will not be interpreted as a sign of incredulity, we should like to ask over how wide an area hall was deposited by a storm in Virsinia to "a depth of two feet or more?"—New York Tribune.

From Greenesville's levy mountains To Loudoun's glaced strand,
From Accomack's sait fountains To Botelourt and Bland,
From Appendatox River
To Shenandoah's vale—
The land that storm did "kiver"
The land that storm did "kiver"
Two feet or more" with hall.

Trund the question will not be interpreted as a sign of incredulity, we should like to ask deposited by a storm in Virsinia to take CASCARETS for liver and bowels, It's not advertising talk—but merit—the great, wonderful, lasting merit of CASCARETS that we want you to know by trial, Then you'll have faith—and join the millions who keep well by CASCA-RETS alone.

### PHTHINION HINGING HOLD THE PROPERTY OF THE PHONE WASHINGTON OF THE PHONE WASHINGTON OF THE PHONE WASHINGTON OF Enjoy the hot weather-wear Morris' Fabrik Underwear The Morris cleancool web inserted athletic union suit is the ideal undergarment. Fashioned to fit the figure with out sticking-air circulates freely between garment and skin. The web insertion at the waist pre-The web insertion at the water you vents any binding or tightness when you bend or stretch. At all the better stores \$1.00 and \$1.50 a suit MORRIS & CO., Makers, Baltimore, Md

Duras, but this dukedom was merely "a brevet" and not hereditary. Still another dukedom of Louis XVIII was that of Decazes, bestowed on a retainer of the humblest origin, and who had served him in a number of capnolties before becoming Minister of Police. He was an object of so much execution, both at home and abroad, that when it became necessary to send him should be escape the demonstrations of popular ill will whenever he showed himself in public, several of the foreign courts refused to receive him as ambassador of France. His grandson, the present and third duke, is widower of isabel Singer, one of the daughters and helresses of the sewing machine magnate.

The Abbe de Montesquieu Ferensac. "He nand Measures of a Half Century"."

The Texas Plan.

It is unfortunate that the Texas plan of municipal government should be referred to in the newspapers as the commission plan. It is not the commission plan at all, as we apply the term in Virginia. The commissions outside of the councilmant body. There is a police commission, or a water and gas commission, or a commission for this, that and the other. But that is not the Texas plan at all. The commission there is the Council—the regularly chosen legislative body, which passes ordinances, looks generally after the city's affairs and performs all the functions of a municipal council in Virginia. The main differences are that the Mayor is a member of the body and takes part in its deliberations and actions, and the members are all elected from the city at large instead of from the several wards. But this is an advantage and should alone commend the plan to the people of Virginia. Another alvantage is that the Council is composed of only five members, who give their entire time to the city's affairs. They sit every day and carry on business much the same as the board of directors of a private corporation. . . . In short, the Texas plan merely reduces city government to business principles and is in the interest of economy, efficiency and promptions.—Newport News Times-Herald.

The fee system always has seemed to be nonsensical as well as costly. There has never been offered a very lucid explanation of the abject in having the treasurers, serof the abject in having the treasurers, sergeants or sheriffs, commissioners of revenue, clerks of courts and constables paid in fees, and no resalon has ever been given for allowing those officers to receive a great deal more for their work than other servants of the people who hold positions equally as important and involving just as much work. Perhaps the fees of one or two of the offices mentioned above do not provide excessive compensation for the incumbents, but it undoubtedly is true that most of the officers collecting fees receive about double what the people would consent to give them if flat salaries were to be named. Newport News Daily Press.

Monument to Confederate Women,

Menument to Confederate Women,
We are glad that the committee having matters in charge rejected the design for a monument to Confederate women that represented a militart woman in uniform and bearing arms. The true Southern women are gentle and refined, and the courage exhibited by their mothers during the Civil War and the horrors of the reconstruction period was not physical so much as moral. There is greater bravery than that of the battleadur, and that was the bravery of the women whom the monument is intended to honor.—Lynchburg Advance.

# Voice of the People

step stop to meet the requirement of those whom there are the constitution of the cons

admitted to bail. He was not tried, although he expressed a desire to be, nor was he among those who asked to be pardoned.

"While the question was pending, the President sent for me one day, and said that he would like to have me go privately and unofficially to Fortress Monroe, and ascertain whether or not the reports that had reached him about the treatment of Davis were true. He was, said the President, the head-devil among the traitors, and he ought to be hung; but he should have a fair trial, and not be brutally treated while a prisoner."

W. O. SKELTON.

Richmond, June 15.

A New Party, But Not Democratic.

A New Party, But Not Democratic.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir.—I have just read in your paper of the 14th instant A. F. Thomas's article headed "For a New Democratic" I should most heartily agree with him. The Democratic party ceased to exist after Mr. Cleveland's last administration, and after twenty-two years of vain effort to resuscitate it, what grounds have the people for the hopo that it can ever live and succeed as a party again?

I agree with Mr. Thomas that the time is ripe for the organization of a new party and with a new name. The name Democrat carries with it no inspiration outside the Southern States, and even here it is justly losing that inspiration.

Let the South adopt the Socialist party, the most popular one in the West to-day, the main object of which is to restore the government to the people again.

With an open violation of sacred

people again.

With an open violation of sacred pledges to a long suffering people by both old parties, a reform party under the proper leadership should easily triumph.

Et M. SNEAD, M. D. Stafford, June 15.

# There is a Treat

n store for any s''kly man er woman who will tart taking Hastitor's Stomach Bitters at once. It will tone and strengthen your weak and un-down system an! in every way prove helpful. Pherefore, be persuaded to gora bottle of

## HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir.—As I wrote the letter to the
Evening Post about President Davis, to
which Colonel John S. Mosby rafers
Lie Troubles.